



PAC Meeting # 3, January 8, 2020, Copake Town Hall, 7-9 pm

Present: PAC members – Roberta Roll (Chair), Lenny Barham, Andy Fisher, Alan Friedman, Richard Wolf (Town Board liaison). **Absent:** Peter Kelly, Tom Goldsworthy. River Street Team with Margaret Irwin and Kim Case.

Coordination for Workshop: The Committee decided to reschedule the first public workshop from Jan. 25 to Feb. 22, 2020, from 9-12 (noon) to avoid conflicts with other events. The snow date will be Feb. 29 from 1-4 pm. Margaret shared that the Media Completed includes Facebook posts, save the date card, flyer, poster, postcards, email blast and press release. The PAC discussed the PR materials giving more information so people would be attracted to come to the workshop – e.g. “What do you want” –hamlet linkages, new bike trails, community parks, flood mitigation? The Committee discussed the distribution methods and reviewed and approved the agenda for workshop. PR materials will be revised.

The agenda for the workshop is currently outlined as: Review agenda for the Workshop; Welcome and Introductions; What is this project about; Why we need your help; What we have completed to date; Schedule; Walk and Talk observations; What we have learned from reviewing studies and inventorying conditions; Review of preliminary SWOT and discussion; Large group discussion about waterfront access, hamlet needs and connections, water quality, flooding (...and what else?); and Design exercise: Break down into small groups to review mapping and graphics related largely to waterfront access, trail and bikeway enhancements, hamlet connections, etc.... and preliminary review of the mapping.

Review Work Program Status: Largely completed and summarized plans and studies; River Street has identified existing mapping and identified gaps. Biggest gap is needing to do a current land use map. Margaret asked if it was done for the zoning update and where to find it. If not, we need GIS data from the Town if available, or from the County. Margaret reviewed the likely Table of Contents for the Inventory and Analysis.

SWOT ANALYSIS: Margaret shared that the community will do a SWOT at the workshop, but we want them to have a starting point, so she distributed a form with some examples for the Committee to expand upon. PAC will work on starting their own analysis at their next meeting, which will be scheduled before the public workshop. The SWOT from the Comprehensive Plan is our starting point.

Administration: Roberta reported that minutes of past meetings have been distributed to the PAC members and to DOS. Quarterly reports, including the MBE form were completed and submitted to DOS on Dec. 30. Payment request #1 was submitted at the end of January and included match documentation from the Town and River Street.

Questions about Projects: The Committee discussed eventual projects that will come out of this plan. Can we obtain metrics for projects such as the Rail Trail Spur? How will we deal with privately held lands? We need the support of interested parties. We talked about ways to discuss projects with owners – donations of land, tax deduction possibilities. How specific would plans be for certain projects, such as a Rail Trail Spur? How can we be sure that all the relevant agencies will give approval? We should identify agencies that can help us with approval, such as the Regional Economic Council, and the Land Conservancy. Next steps after this plan will be to apply for design and construction, or possibly feasibility and design and then, the next year, for construction.